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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$131,760 NOAA GRANT TO RI FISH & WILDLIFE

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has awarded a \$131,760 grant to the Rhode Island Division of Fish & Wildlife for its marine fisheries data collection program.

“Good data and good science are things that everyone can agree on and this grant will help to improve the accuracy and effectiveness of our fisheries management policies,” Senator Chafee said.

In Rhode Island, the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistic Program coordinates present and future data collection and data management activities through cooperative planning, innovative uses of statistical theory and design, and consolidation of appropriate data into a useful database system.

Prototype testing of a statistics collection system in Rhode Island represents a significant increase in the scope of current fisheries data collections activities. Approximately 2,000 licensed harvesters and 67 dealers will be reporting under the proposed system. The goal of this project is to increase reporting an estimated 200 percent from the current operating system.

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